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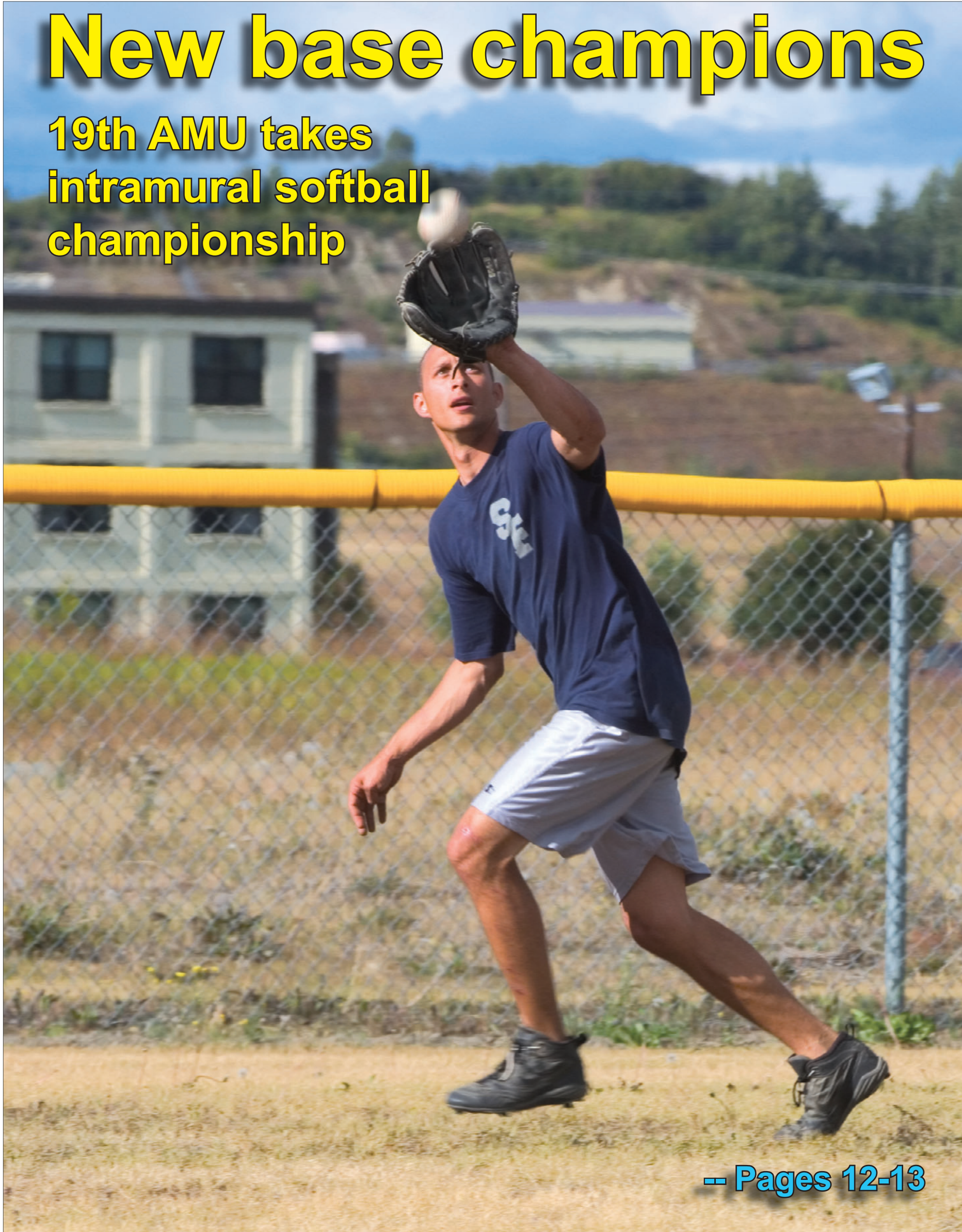
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New base champions

19th AMU takes
intramural softball
championship



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A Star is born!

Above: Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander, receives his first star during his promotion ceremony at the Susitna Club July 29. He was pinned on by his wife, Gillian, and his daughter, Summer.

Left: Brig. Gen. Carlisle speaks to those in attendance at his promotion ceremony.

Below: Lt. Gen. Howie Chandler, 11th Air Force commander, reaffirms Col. Carlisle’s commissioning oath during the promotion ceremony.



Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can’t seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done? The commander’s action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander’s personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@elmendorf.af.mil

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can’t help, then please call the Action Line.

Key phone numbers:
Col. Christopher Thelen, 3rd CES/CC 552-3007
Lt. Col. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC 552-2468
Lt. Col. Robert Garza, 3rd SFS/CC 552-4304

Q: I am wondering why the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization is no longer authorized to come on-base and pick up items. They used to be allowed to come on, but now they aren’t.

A: Thank you for your question and allowing me to explain procedures for base access with regards to

organizations such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

We cannot grant a request for open base access as was done prior to Sept. 11, 2001.

Individual residents are able to sponsor pick up of items for donation through normal sponsorship provisions.

Residents/donors need to meet the

truck/organization at the Post Road gate at a predetermined time to sign the driver/members onto the base. The gate is open daily, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

The resident/donor is responsible for ensuring the vehicle departs the base once the pick up is complete.

If you have any questions, please call 3rd Security Forces Squadron, base access office at 552-5665.



Staff Sgts. Charles White and Benjamin Byrd, and Senior Airman Jayson Llewellyn, 3rd Communications Squadron, responded to a request from the staff of Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

The aircraft upon which she was flying had suffered a network outage that disabled email and Internet capabilities.

With only one hour of ground time at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, the 3rd CS team was able to assist in isolating the fault and provided the necessary materials to the on-board technicians to resolve the issue while airborne.

Senior Airman David Ledwich, 517th Airlift Squadron, loadmaster section, was the squadron commander’s number one airman chosen for instructor upgrade.

He assumed the duties of Instructor Loadmaster during Operation Enduring Freedom when manning was depleted by 52 percent in the loadmaster section.

Airman Ledwich instructed four students on basic loadmaster ground and flight duties, streamlining upgrade time by 50 percent.

Mr. Roger Neuman, 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron, accessory flight, demonstrated outstanding teamwork and technical ability while designing an unavailable F-15 main landing gear strut tube rigging table.

Long-standing safety issues were corrected by coordinating efforts between supply and three different maintenance facilities for local manufacture.

Mr. Neuman additionally conducted remedial qualification training for 12 section personnel, ensuring technical order compliance while installing orifice support tubes.

3rd Wing Moment in History

4 August 1942:



A P-38G Lightning, formally assigned to the 54 FS, dedicated here in July 2000

1st Lts. Kenneth Ambrose and Stanley Long became the first P-38 pilots to down an enemy aircraft in combat. They were assigned to the 54th Fighter Squadron. They each destroyed a Japanese Kawanishi HGK “Mavis” Patrol Plane over the Aleutians.

Education, leadership critical to developing effective Airmen

By Master Sgt. Tim Hoffman
Alaskan Command public affairs

Honing a warrior attitude, restoring faith in leadership, weathering a budget crunch, and learning to work and fight effectively in a joint military are just a few of the challenges today's Airmen face, said 11th Air Force's new command chief master sergeant.

"Every one of us has the personal responsibility to become the best warrior we can be on behalf of America," said Chief Master Sgt. David Andrews. "In today's Air Force that means studying to be an Airman—know our core values, know the Airman's Manual—then combining that knowledge with many of the new combat and combat support skills we are being taught to be efficient and effective."

The chief was quick to point out that the Air Force is an expeditionary force and that "we no longer sit on our butts at home station waiting for something to happen."

"We have to be ready to go," said Andrews. "I have my AEF (Air Expeditionary Force) card in my pocket; I'm in AEF 9. I, like many Airmen I talk to, am ready and eager to do the mission—wherever that may be."

That mission readiness, however, is also influenced by leadership; and lately some Air Force senior leaders have shown "inappropriate and unacceptable behavior," said the chief.

"From financial misdealings with the Boeing tanker mess to the poor personal judgment of the Air Force's former Staff Judge Advocate, we as an Air Force have eroded some of the public's and our elected officials' confidence in us. Fortunately, we have a lot of great leaders that are rebuilding that confidence."

However, it's not just senior leaders who have an impact with their leadership.

"There are all kinds of definitions for leadership, but I define leadership by results. Are you influencing and working with other Airmen to get the job done? And, are you making those folks who come up behind you stronger and better

leaders? This generational leadership is key in the Air Force—if I don't influence, mentor, and train someone to be a better chief than me, then I haven't done my duty. And, if you don't help make that Airman a better staff sergeant than you, then you're not a very effective leader."

Leaders have to deal with a wide variety of challenges and one of those this year is a tight budget.

"We are continuing to weather this fiscal storm," said Andrews. "End strength has been reduced to near our authorized levels, flying hour reductions are always being looked at and we are still engaged in major operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Add in the BRAC (base realignment and closure commission) recommendations, that have some big implications for 11th Air Force, and there is a lot of pressure this year.

"Our leadership has done a tremendous job adapting and overcoming these constraints, but we all need to look at better and more efficient ways of doing things."

One way to make the dollars go farther is to work together with our sister services.

"This is a joint military world," said Andrews. "Today when we deploy we don't go to an Air Force Base, an Army Post, a Marine Camp or Naval Air Station—we simply deploy to a military installation. Most of the time when we deploy there are going to be at least two services operating from an installation, so we need to learn how to train and fight together."

The chief admits he "didn't have a clue" about joint operations when he was a new Airman.

"Luckily, I ran into some really good Army sergeant majors and one of my best friends is a Navy master chief petty officer—they taught me how to speak Army and Navy. Without them, I would have learned it anyway, but it would have been the hard way—waiting

until a deployment and learning on the fly," said the chief.

Chief Andrews also has "joint" experience on the home front.

"Debbie, my wife, was prior service Army—and we are real excited that Zachary, my son, just



enlisted in the Navy and headed off to Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill., to learn how to be a Sailor."

The chief, like most military members, realizes how important family, friends and coworkers are personally and to the country.

"We need to take better care of each other," said Andrews. "The Air Force had what may be its worst weekend of the year in June when we tragically lost five Airmen to accidents, including two from Elmendorf. There's a million reasons why each of those deaths were horrible—families lost a dad, brother, husband—we lost a friend, a warrior, and America's lost one of its best weapon systems, a highly-trained, hardworking, motivated Airman. The frustrating part is that in most cases, had just one person intervened, each of those five tragedies could have been avoided."

The key is personal involvement, said the chief.

"Everyone needs a wingman to cover them. It's not just commanders and first sergeants who are responsible for the Airmen; it's every supervisor, every peer, and every coworker. We need to be involved with each other at home, work and play—not just to avoid accidents—but to help us learn and grow as professionals and people."

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11th Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt.

Total force, joint, coalition team create synergy in CAOC

By Staff Sgt. Chyenne A. Griffin
U.S. Central Air Forces Forward Public Affairs

Staffed by active-duty, Guard and Reserve forces from all the U.S. services along with coalition partners, the Central Air Forces Combined Air Operations Center at a forward-deployed location has proven to be a true total force, joint and coalition team.

"The partnership (among) the people of these great nations and services is solid," said Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan, III, Combined Forces Air Component commander. "It is based on a shared commitment to peace and freedom."

The center became fully operational Feb. 18, 2003, and stands as the only warfighting coalition operations center of its kind currently in the Southwest Asia theater of operations. Servicemembers from different nations, including the U.S., Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, South Korea and Singapore, have worked side by side planning and executing operations. Those

operations have supported operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom as well as Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

On an average day, coalition members at the center control about 70 combat sorties, 30 combat support sorties, 140 airlift sorties and 40 tanker sorties. Many of these sorties provide protection to coalition ground forces, support ground force operations and help deter attacks on people and infrastructure in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Royal Air Force Air Commodore Mike Barnes, the U.K. Air Component commander, said it is a golden opportunity for his people to work in such an environment.

"Not only are we delighted to contribute to the coalition, but we are excited to have the opportunity to exchange views and ideas with those who have similar doctrines to ourselves," the air commodore said. "Understanding the inner-workings of various nations' ground and air operations is an extremely good learn-

ing experience for us all."

Interservice rivalries, proud national histories, language barriers and different ways to do business occur on a daily basis, but nothing has proved impossible.

"Where the rubber meets the road it's all serious," said Marine Lt. Col. Tom McKnight, deputy Marine Corps liaison officer. "Interservice rivalry is part of interservice pride, and I'd be disappointed if there wasn't a little bit of good natured pride in the workplace."

Navy Cmdr. Kenneth Reynard, Navy and Amphibious liaison element officer, said the job has been an enjoyable career-broadening experience.

"I've learned more in 100 days here than in nearly two years worth of joint assignments," he said. "This is a true operational environment with a higher mission and more intense focus. It's a very small contingent of people with a lot of very different and very important responsibilities. It makes you very proud to

be a part of it all."

That pride services the joint and coalition operations officers well as they maintain an around-the-clock presence and serve as liaisons between their nations' headquarters and U.S. Central Command headquarters elements. They also monitor, schedule, execute and support their assets in theater supporting Combined Forces Air Component Command's intent and objectives. All the while they ensure compliance with their owning nation, host nation, CENTCOM and CENTAF policies and rules of engagement.

"This is very much a joint and coalition fight," said Brig. Gen. Allen G. Peck, Combined Forces Air Component deputy commander. "Joint force commanders set the operational objectives and airpower has a key role in achieving those objectives -- all of which could not be done without robust, 24/7 operations and intelligence coordination, synchronization and fusion in the CAOC."

Base to assess environmental compliance

Inspection part of Environmental Safety and Occupational Health program

By Mr. Jon Scudder
3rd CES ESOH CAMP team chief

Beginning Aug. 22 and continuing until the last hazardous storage locker is checked, assessors from Elmendorf will comb the base to ensure compliance with all environmental regulations and laws.

It’s all part of the annual Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program, or as it’s commonly referred to, ESOH CAMP, scheduled Aug. 22-26.

The base self-assessment is designed to help commanders assess the status of their programs and find solutions to problems discovered during the assessment.

“We all have a responsibility to the nation to be good stewards of the environment,” said Col. Christopher Thelen, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

“One of the ways we validate our performance, and seek areas of improvement for the future, is through the ESOH CAMP,” said Colonel Thelen.

A team of military and civilian environmental experts have been assembled from various units to visit shops all over Elmendorf.

The ESOH CAMP teams will

be checking units for both good and bad practices regarding pollution prevention, wastewater management, and hazardous waste and material handling.

Shop supervisors must ensure their program(s) for hazardous waste and/or hazardous

materials don’t just consist of an old binder collecting dust on a shelf. Just because the hazardous material manager in an organization goes TDY or is on leave does not excuse the shop from neglecting the requirements of that job.

Supervisors are ultimately responsible for the complying with the federal and state laws, while managing materials used and waste generated in their day-to-day operations.

Hazardous material and waste management programs received the majority of the negative environmental findings during the last internal ESOH CAMP in 2004.

Program managers must remain vigilant and proactive in training all shop personnel on the proper procedures for handling and disposing of

hazardous materials. All the requirements for managing these programs are outlined in Chapters 2, 4, and 7 of 3rd Wing Operations Plan 19-3.

The 3rd CES environmental flight will then use the data to look at the big picture and try to identify trends

and prevent bad practices on base.

Each office or unit will be able to use their findings to benefit them in terms

of a safer and more environmentally-friendly duty section. If a shop receives a negative finding, the shop

supervisor will be required to submit a management action plan.

This is a detailed description of the work that will be done to fix the problem and close the finding.

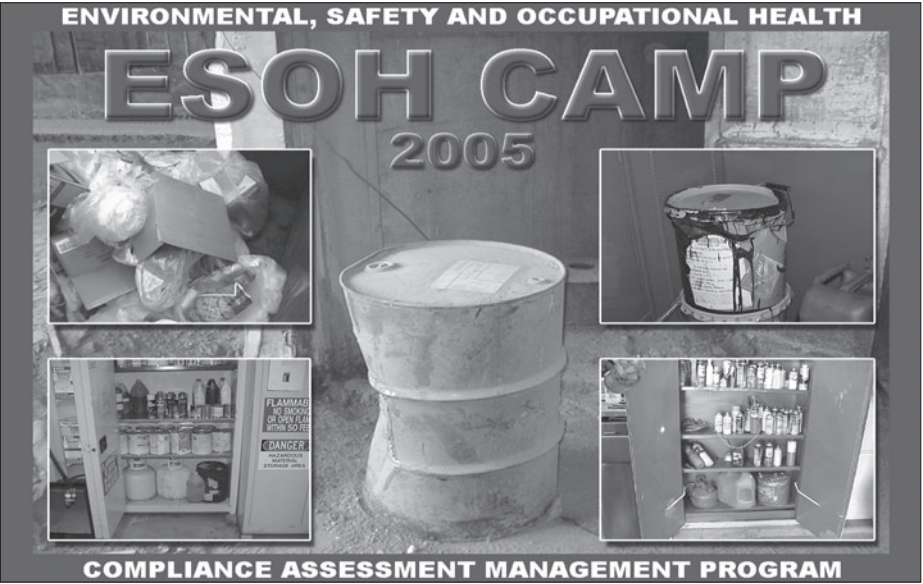
Besides helping to ensure the base is in compliance with federal laws, the annual ESOH CAMP assessment also prepares the base for recurring assessments by Pacific Air Forces.

PACAF intended to visit Elmendorf this year, but budget concerns caused its cancellation. The next PACAF visit has yet to be scheduled but should happen within the next couple years.

For those that need last-minute ESOH CAMP help, they can call 552-2813.

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3rd Quarter Award Winners announced

The following individuals are the quarterly award winners for the 3rd Quarter, fiscal year 2005 in their respective categories:

3rd Wing/Team Elmendorf

Flight
3rd Communications Squadron, Mission Systems

Senior NCO
Master Sgt. Ursula Young
3rd Dental Squadron

Junior Enlisted Member
Senior Airman Pamela Lyons
3rd Medical Support Squadron

Civilian Category I
Ms. Cheryl Culver
3rd Dental Squadron

Civilian Category II
Mr. Bryan Tulare
3rd Civil Engineer Squadron

Civilian Category III
Mr. Kurt Hogarty
3rd Services Squadron

3rd Wing

Company Grade Officer
Capt. Matthew Hummel
3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

NCO
Staff Sgt. Stacey Lapiene
3rd Dental Squadron

Team Elmendorf

Honor Guard Member
Staff Sgt. Brian Jensen
962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron

Company Grade Officer
Capt. Adam Roberts
611th Civil Engineer Squadron

NCO
Staff Sgt. Dana Brossard
611th Civil Engineer Squadron

Geren designated acting Air Force secretary

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) -- The president designated Pete Geren to be the acting Secretary of the Air Force on July 29, replacing Michael L. Dominguez.

The appointment is in accordance with the Federal Vacancies Reform Act, Air Force officials said.

Mr. Geren, who was special assistant to the secretary of defense, assumes his new office as directed in Title 10, United States Code and Air

Force directives, Air Force officials said. He took the Department of Defense post in September 2001 with responsibilities in the areas of inter-agency initiatives, legislative affairs and special projects.

A former Texas congressman from 1989 to 1997, Mr. Geren served on the Armed Services, Science and Technology and the Public Works and Transportation committees during his tenure.



Arctic Warriors of Week



PHOTOS BY TECH SGT. KEITH BROWN

Tech. Sgt. Shintel Moss

Duty title: 517th Airlift Squadron, chief, commander’s support staff
Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y.
Hobbies: Swimming, gymnastics, skating and dancing
Mission contribution: Oversees the daily operations and implements policies and procedures relating to the management of the commander’s support staff programs
Time at Elmendorf: One year, 10 months
Time in the Air Force: 13 years, eight months
Best part of being in Alaska: The beautiful summer days
Supervisor’s comments: “Sergeant Moss tackles every task with professionalism and tenacity. Her approach to her profession is an inspiration to all who work with and for her.” Lt. Col. Paul Feather



Tech. Sgt. Julie Churilla

Duty Title: 611th Air Support Squadron, noncommissioned officer in charge, logistics plans
Hometown: Plainfield, Wis.
Hobbies: Camping, fishing and golfing
Mission contribution: Ensures logistics readiness for the Alaska North American Aerospace Defense Region
Time at Elmendorf: Six years
Time in the Air Force: 12 years
Best part of being in Alaska: The scenery
Supervisor’s comments: “Sergeant Churilla is an outstanding NCO. She knows what has to get done, when it needs to be done and if she needs to work extra hours to complete a task, she’s there until every thing is completed without any complaints.” Capt. Arthur Canfield

Changes of command

■ Col. Randy Roberts will assume command of the 3rd Operations Group at a change of command ceremony Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Hangar 1. For more information, call Maj. Christopher Bennett at 552-3003

■ Lt. Col. Mike Hass will assume command of the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron at a change of command ceremony Thursday at 2 p.m. at 5327 Kenney Ave. For more information, call Dee Okerland at 552-4833

Ft. Rich exercise

There will be an Antiterrorism–Force Protection exercise conducted at Fort Richardson Monday through Thursday.

The exercise has been designed to have minimal impact on the community.

When on Ft. Richardson, please continue to report any suspicious activities to the Ft. Richardson Military Police immediately.

Don’t assume that if you see something out of the ordinary or suspicious that it is part of the exercise, please report it immediately to the MP station at 384-0823.

Retirement ceremony

Col. Gregory Miller, 11th Air Force vice commander, will retire from the Air Force Aug. 12 at 4 p.m. at Heritage Park.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Hangar 1.

Please join in honoring his service on the occasion of his retirement.

For more information, contact Capt. John Caranta at 552-1099 or email john.caranta@elmendorf.af.mil

Children’s theater

The Missoula Children’s Theater will present “Hansel and Gretel” Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Base Theater.

Auditions for children in kindergarten through 12th grade will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the Base Theater.

For more information, call 552-8529.

Memorial commemoration

The Air Force Association invites all Alaskan veterans, citizens and visitors to attend the fifth annual 11th Air Force/Americans Home from Siberia Memorial ceremony Aug. 12 at Merrill Field starting at 9:30 a.m. The memorial is located at the 15th Ave. and Lake Otis entrance. This event is free to all.

Sports car competition

The Sports Car Club of America, Arctic Alaska Region, will hold its Solo II competition Aug. 13 with registration beginning at 9 a.m. at the open area adjacent to the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, go to www.myautoevents.com or call Master Sgt. Robert Taylor at 552-9949.

Dining facility closure

The Kenai Dining Facility, located on Arctic Warrior Blvd., will

be closed Aug. 19 to Feb. 7, 2006 due to manning and deployments.

The Iditarod Dining Facility, located at 7535 Sharp Ave, and the Kenai Flight Kitchen will remain open for business.

Volunteers needed

Special Olympics is looking for volunteers to assist with the Fall Games (bocce, equestrian and golf) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 10.

Additionally, volunteers are needed Nov. 18-20 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. to assist with bowling.

For more information, email volunteer@specialolympicsalaska.org or call the Special Olympics at 222-7625, ext 8.

Narrator needed

The Air Force Ball Committee is seeking applicants to audition for the part of narrator/master of ceremony.

If you would like to audition or have any questions, please contact Tech. Sgt. Sonja Turner at 552-6619.

Youth awards

The Spirit of Youth is dedicated to creating and promoting opportunities for youth involvement in their communities by increasing civic engagement, building leadership and providing media recognition for the positive contributions youth are making statewide.

SOY recognizes youths ages 12-19 and is accepting nominations for its 2006 awards.

For more information, go to www.spiritofyouth.org or call 566-7676.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- **Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- **Thursday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- **Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Sunday Evening Mass:** 7 p.m. at Chapel 2
- **Confession:** 6 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

Protestant Sunday

- **Liturgical Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- **Celebration Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Gospel Service:** noon at Chapel 1
- **Fellowship Praise:** 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

Religious Education

- **Catholic Religious Education:** Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- **Protestant Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

Long-term care insurance small price to pay

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Active-duty Airmen, some reservists, appropriated-fund civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members can still apply for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program.

The program can help federal employees defray the costs of in-home care, nursing-home care, or assisted-living facilities for people no longer able to perform normal daily activities because of chronic-health conditions.

“Long-term care insurance isn’t just for old age—nearly 40 percent of people needing long-term care are under age 65,” said Janet Thomas, human resources specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center here. “Health insurance will cover hospitalization and medical care, but not necessarily long-term care. The Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program provides protection from the potentially high cost of long-term care.”

The program is sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management and provides affordable group premiums and comprehensive benefits. It is the largest program in the nation, Ms. Thomas said.

The plans available are:

- **Facilities-Only Plan:** This covers all levels of nursing home, assisted living facility and inpatient hospice care
- **Comprehensive Plan:** This covers everything the facilities-only plan covers, plus care provided at home by a nurse, home health aide, therapist, informal caregiver or other authorized provider. Costs of adult day care centers and home hospices are covered as well

Those eligible for the program include:

- Federal employees and annuitants
- Separated federal employees with title to a deferred annuity
- Active and retired servicemembers
- Active members of the Selected Reserve
- Retired “grey” reservists even if they are not receiving retirement pay
- Compensationers receiving compensation from the Department of Labor
- The current spouse of an eligible person
- Adult children of living eligible people
- Parents, parents-in-law and stepparents of living eligible people
- Spouses receiving a survivor annuity

Premiums are based on an applicant’s age, so the sooner people apply, the smaller premium they will pay, Ms. Thomas said. Once enrolled, coverage will not be canceled as long as premiums are paid on time, and coverage cannot be canceled because of age or a change in health.

For more information, call (800) 582-3337 or TTY (800) 843-3557. Representatives are available weekdays 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EDT. People can also go to the program’s Web site online at www.ltcfeds.com.

New rules affect Alaska permanent fund dividends

By Capt. Peter Kezar
3rd Wing Legal

Will you be deployed overseas and unable to apply for the Alaska permanent fund dividend?

As of January 1, 2006 someone else can apply for the dividend on a servicemembers behalf by executing a power of attorney.

The power of attorney can be executed at any time, including before January 1, 2006.

To have someone apply for the dividend on your behalf, a servicemember must: (1) be an Alaska resident; (2) have been an Alaska resident for the entire qualifying year; (3) have the intent to remain an Alaska resident indefinitely; (4) be active duty or activated reserve or national guard, and; (5) be serving outside the 50 United States and U.S. territories and possessions.

If someone meets these requirements and won’t be in Alaska to apply for the dividend, stop by the Legal Office to execute a power of attorney.

Also, if the servicemember is a single parent with children, they’ll need to sign a power of attorney to have someone else apply for the child’s dividend. The Legal Office can help. Stop by or call 552-3046.



Childcare can be rewarding job

By Mrs. Mary Rall
3rd Services Marketing

You don't have to travel to the ends of the Earth to find the rewards, gratification, and experience of the hardest job you'll ever love.

By attending Family Child Care orientation and training, the skills necessary to embark on a satisfying and rewarding career are within your reach.

Upcoming training to become a provider will be featured Wednesday through Aug. 12 and will provide interested individuals with the tools necessary to create a loving, enriching and professional home-based child care environment.

Far from a baby-sitting service, FCC providers must be 18 years old, able to read, write and speak English, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be in good

mental and physical health.

Providers must also pass a comprehensive background check, including family members, and a basic orientation program prior to licensing. Also, within the first 18 months of licensing, providers must complete 15 Air Force standardized training modules and additional training ever year thereafter.

While the FCC program offers a wealth of training, what providers can do with what they learn is limitless. Many colleges allow college credit for the completion of the 15 training modules. Additionally, the modules meet the formal educational requirements of the Child Development Associate Credential.

Providers can even take advantage of the Air Force paying 75 percent of the fees toward becoming an

accredited provider through the National Association for Family Childcare as well.

The accreditation is similar to what the Child Development Centers must complete to become accredited also.

In addition to extensive training that ensures providers have the skills they need, the FCC office continually works to provide the support individuals require to allow their home to live up to its full potential as a child-care facility. Providers have full access to a toy lending library, art supplies, reimbursement for food expenses through the USDA food program, and the continual support of the FCC program staff members.

Once the initial training is complete and providers have adequately prepared their home to be an FCC environment, they continue to grow professionally as the children they care for grow physically, emotionally, and mentally.

By guiding the children toward learning self help skills, self esteem and a better understanding of the world around them, providers not only open the door for a fulfilling career but to a lifetime of self-worth and happiness for the children they care for.

For more information about becoming an FCC provider, call 552-3995.



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...:inside the fence

Open Bowling, Today from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Super Friday, Today from 5-6 p.m. featuring snacks and specials at The Cave and the Kashim Lounge. 753-3131

All Night Xtreme Bowling, Saturday from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. for \$18 per person at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Family Xtreme Bowling, Get two hours of Xtreme bowling, shoe rental, two pitchers of soda and popcorn for \$30 for up to six people per lane Sunday from 1-8 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Red Pin Bowling, Get a strike with a red headpin and receive a free game for every paid game Monday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Roadrunners Field Trip, Monday from 1-5 p.m. at the Youth Center. 552-2266

Road Bike Training Ride, Monday at 5:30 p.m. for free at the Outdoor Recrea-

tion Center. 552-2023

Roadrunner Trip, Monday from noon to 5 p.m. for \$75 at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

Missoula Children's Theater Auditions, Monday at 10 a.m. at the Base Theater. 552-8529

Palmer to Hatcher Pass Trip, Saturday at 9 a.m. for \$10 with the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Draft Specials, Tuesday at The Igloo at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Kayak Lake Training, Tuesday at 5 p.m. for \$25 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Bowler Appreciation Night, Bowl for \$1.75 per game from Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Eagle River Rafting, Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for \$25 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Wednesday Night Madness, Unlimited bowling from 5-9 p.m. \$18 per lane, up to five people at the

Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Berry Picking, Wednesday at 10 a.m. for \$10 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Alaska Native Heritage Center Trip, Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m. for \$30 at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

Beading Daisy Chain Necklace, Aug 10 from 7-9 p.m. for \$25 and a \$7.85 kit at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Beginning Crochet Baby Blanket, Thursday and Aug.18 from 5-7 p.m. for \$35 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

Mountain Bike Training Ride, Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for free at the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Movie at Century 16, Aug. 12 from 2-5 p.m. for \$10.50 and snack money at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

* *Arts and Crafts Center classes must be signed up for three days in advance.*

DRIVE ON: Get into the competition at the Senior State Amateur Tournament, today beginning at 8 a.m. at Eagleglen. Call 552-3821 for event information and details.

MOVIE: *Batman Begins* (PG-13) The origins of the Batman legend and the Dark Knight's emergence as a force for good in Gotham. In the wake of his parents' murder, disillusioned industrial heir Bruce travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice and turn fear against those who prey on the fearful. He returns to Gotham and unveils his alter-ego: Batman, a masked crusader who uses his strength, intellect and an array of high tech deceptions to fight the sinister forces that threaten the city. 7 p.m.

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GET REVED UP: Make a day of it at an ATV Day Trip Saturday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for \$75 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

MOVIE: *Batman Begins* (PG-13) See above for movie description. 7 p.m.

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GOLF SAVINGS: Stop by Eagleglen for a round or two of golf and save by picking up a 5, 10 or 25 round Frequent Player Card at the Pro shop. 552-3821

MOVIE: *The Perfect Man*, (PG) Holly conceives the perfect plan for the perfect man— an imaginary secret admirer who will romance her mother Jean and boost her shaky self-esteem. When the virtual relationship takes off, Holly finds herself having to produce the suitor, borrowing her friend's charming and handsome Uncle Ben as the face behind the e-mails, notes and gifts. 7p.m.

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WIN CASH & PRIZES: Stop by Services facilities to receive your Pentathlon game pieces and then log onto www.pacfive.com to play and qualify to win \$5,000 in cash and prizes such as iPods and cruise vacations. A complete list of events where pieces can be obtained is available on the website. 552-5900

Summer sizzles with softball season '05

Kyle Kutcher, from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, turns the corner on second base while he races past Michael Kline with the 3rd Security Forces Squadron in their match-up during the base intramural softball championship game. The game ended with the 19th AMU winning 22 to 19.



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The teams from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and the 3rd Security Forces Squadron gathered July 27 to meet in the softball intramural championship game.



Above: Team members from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and the 3rd Security Forces Squadron met at the end of the intramural softball championship to congratulate each other on a good game and a good season.

Left: Members from the 19th AMU jubilantly raise their newly earned championship trophy.

Right: Shawn McNeil, a player with the 3rd SFS, watches from the dugout while waiting for his turn at bat.

On the Cover: Darrel Bailey, a 3rd SFS outfielder chases down a fly ball, earning his team an out against the 19th AMU.



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Golf Tourney

Above: Karin Rodney, a volunteer, writes down the team scores during the 3rd Wing Golf Tournament held July 29 at the Eaglelen Golf Course. The tournament winners were Joe Cruse, David Snow, Don Parker and Louis Zib.

Right: A tournament player takes a swing as he drives the ball down the fairway.

Below: A player lines up a shot with a driver.



Air Force top pioneers

By **Capt. Tony Wickman**
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ACROSS

- 1. Pistol battle
- 5. Tied up
- 9. Name for USAF personnel
- 11. Matrix
- 13. Flight pioneer Octave; Wright Bros. advisor
- 14. Flight pioneer R.F. ____
- 16. Author
- 17. Pay during a PCS
- 19. Middle East country
- 20. Gather
- 23. Osan AB host country currency
- 24. Plank
- 25. Wrote fables
- 27. Capture
- 28. Written semantics
- 31. Russian space station
- 32. Morning moisture
- 35. Help
- 36. Bother
- 37. ____ a Wonderful Life

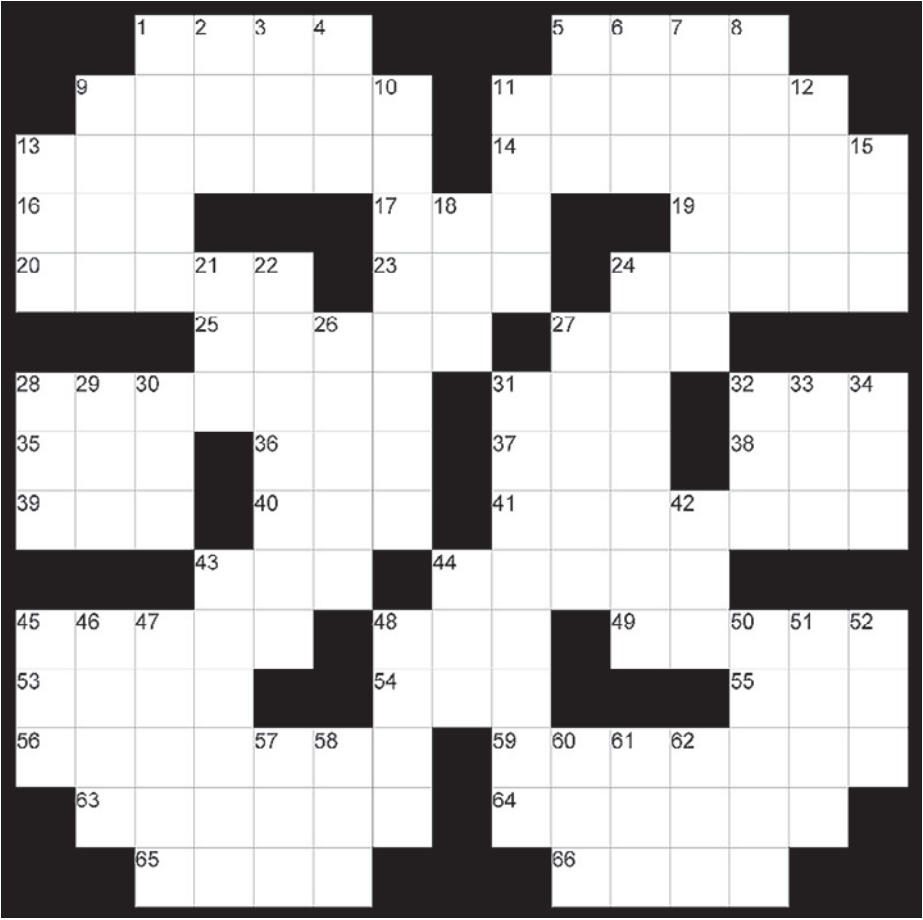


Last week’s solutions

- 38. Pacific NW state
- 39. Dirt
- 40. USN equivalent to AFB
- 41. Walked on
- 43. Winter mon.
- 44. Oak starter
- 45. Ford flop
- 48. Acting CSAF (1995)
- 49. USAF Maj Gen Hugh ____
- 53. Hawaiian city
- 54. Pub order
- 55. Meadow
- 56. Western Africa denizen
- 59. Flight pioneer Samuel P. ____; Wright Bros. competitor
- 63. USAF pioneer Henry H. ____; Only General of the Air Force
- 64. Comedy duo ____ & Hardy
- 65. Camera parts
- 66. Perfect score (two words)

DOWN

- 1. Roman goddess of hunting
- 2. Vase
- 3. Flightless bird
- 4. Permit
- 5. System or tourism lead-in
- 6. Actor Kilmer
- 7. WWI Air Force ace ____ Springs
- 8. Nigerian currency
- 9. Attention getter
- 10. CBS, NBC, ABC, etc.
- 11. Browse
- 12. Admiral type
- 13. Accountant title
- 15. Mission for AFMC, in short
- 18. Clip
- 21. American “Uncle”
- 22. Influential



- 24. Raving
- 26. Kitchen “wrap”
- 27. Containing the univalent group NO2
- 28. Fuel
- 29. ____ de Janeiro
- 30. Compute
- 31. Maj. Gen. William ____
- 32. SECDEF’s org.
- 33. Before, poetically
- 34. Married
- 42. ____ Arbor
- 43. Actress Tripplehorn
- 44. Internet provider
- 45. Heart monitor, in short
- 46. Qatar capital
- 47. Knot up
- 48. Touch down, as in flight
- 50. Actress DeGeneres
- 51. Fishing need
- 52. Baltimore Ravens star Lewis
- 57. Charged particle
- 58. USAF NCO PME
- 60. Auto club
- 61. Bolt counterpart
- 62. Graduate student exam, in brief

Arctic Life

Great living in the great land



PHOTOS BY TECH. SGT. MIKE EDWARDS

Eagle Housing

Above: The eagle house, located at the Yukla Memorial Park next to the 3rd Wing Headquarters, provides a refuge for bald eagles that have been injured to the point where they can no longer survive on their own in the wild.

Left: A bald eagle stands on a perch inside the eagle house. The eagle habitat houses three bald eagles who are cared for by volunteers.

Below: Two visitors to the eagle house spent some time Saturday to get a close look at the bald eagles. The eagle house provides Arctic Warriors and visitors alike an opportunity to view America's symbol of freedom up close – a first for many.

